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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment improved in some areas, but overall was usually reported in a range of about steady to steady with smaller sizes in the best position. Majority prices in the major terminal markets were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Retail demand was light to moderate with limited features reported to help stimulate additional movement. Food service demand was generally moderate to normal. Overall, supplies were irregular, but mostly in a range of closely cleared to available. In the parts structure, all items were reported as adequate. However, breast items and leg quarters were well cleared, wings depending upon the area were adequate to available, balance of parts were sufficient and report as about steady to steady. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weight in a full range of light to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/30-08/04/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	51.00-55.00	51.00-67.00	54.24	25
Los Angeles	70.00			
New York	56.00-58.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	64.00-65.50	50.50-67.00	64.85	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
640	58.75-66.75	63.69

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.00	1,239
BREASTS - B/S	142.50	3,978
BREASTS - WHOLE	70.50	1,069
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	713
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	7,763
WINGS	96.50	2,690

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NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was mostly moderate overall. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were in good balance, however, the heavier sizes were available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely cleared. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate. Wings were readily available at discounted levels. The balance of parts were sufficient.

WESTERN Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. The market tone was steady with trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate. Retailer demand was fairly good overall. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-89, boneless thigh meat 169, boneless leg meat 129, split breasts 99-137, leg quarters 10# bag 390, thighs 69-99 [IQF 4# bag 259], drumsticks 69-99 [IQF 4# bag 259], roasters 119; Northern California - whole cut-up 109, cornish hens 149, drumsticks 89-99 [IQF 3# bag 299], thighs 99 [IQF 3# bag 299], whole legs 109, boneless breasts 188-499, split breasts 199 [IQF 4# 599]; Denver - boneless breasts 199, split breasts 199, drumsticks 99, thighs 99; Arizona - whole body 79-119, boneless breasts 249-439, boneless thigh meat 259, leg quarters 79-119 [10# bag 390], thighs 69-99, drumsticks 69-99.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's reported prices. The market tone on whole fryers remained steady. Offerings of additional product were available for immediate trade needs, especially heavier sized Wogs and whole birds. Buyer interest was cautious and limited. Movement into all channels best described as quiet or as expected. Demand into fast food outlets occasionally noted as fair to good. Floor stocks were balanced to long with Ohio reporting several shipping delays. Sizes were desirable. Parts trading remained sluggish, although export demand was very good on leg quarters. Supplies of all items were adequate or available. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on leg quarters, unsettled on wings, steady to fully steady on whole breasts and steady on all other items.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady with values generally unchanged. In the major terminal markets prices when trending unchanged when compared to Monday's values. Demand was light on heavy sizes, but at least moderate on light weights. Supplies were usually in balance to short on small birds but adequate to fully adequate on 3.5 pound and heavier sizes. In the parts structure, breast items and leg quarters were moving and reported as well balanced in most locations, wings were adequate or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at usually desirable weights.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased as buyers looked to insure adequate floor stocks through the weekend. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared on the 3.0 pound and smaller sizes; ample at most points on the heavier weights. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were curtailed in instances today; however, spot operations set for Saturday made overall schedules moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was steady on the smaller sizes; no better than steady on the larger. All parts were adequate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

<u>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</u>	
RANGE	55-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.13
NO. OF BOXES	12,195
CUMULATIVE	
	07/23/01-07/27/01 61.39
	07/24/00-07/28/00 53.74
NO. OF BOXES	
	07/23/01-07/27/01 64,698
	07/24/00-07/28/00 40,568

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JULY 26

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUL 27

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	943	118.00-205.00	140-145	140.20	948	118.00-200.00	140-145	141.99	4,727	140.83	
TENDERLOINS	968	140.00-230.00	140-145	145.33	1,012	140.00-230.00	140-145	141.95	5,052	146.08	
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	70.00-80.00	75-77	73.84	112	73.00-80.00	74-76	75.46	555	74.83	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				433	70.43	
LEGS	280	40.50-53.00	41-43	45.93	320	40.50-53.00	41-43	45.22	1,704	43.87	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	395	28.00-30.50	28.5-29	28.70	398	27.50-30.00	28.5-29	28.89	2,196	28.51	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,346	29.50-34.00	31-33	31.63	1,350	29.50-34.00	31-33	31.75	6,110	31.53	
WINGS (WHOLE)	273	85.00-98.00	95-97	95.64	273	85.00-98.00	93-95	95.78	1,395	95.80	
WINGS (CUT)	507	102.00-112.00	104-106	105.99	511	103.00-110.00	104-106	104.80	2,839	105.70	
DRUMSTICKS	101	46.00-53.00	-	50.57	145	47.00-53.00	-	50.30	596	50.46	
THIGHS	71	48.00-53.00	-	49.69	73	48.00-53.00	-	49.78	321	49.41	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JULY 26, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

48.00 - 53.25

AVERAGE

50.35

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend but was mostly moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts were closely balanced, and boneless-skinless breasts were clearing well. Wings were fully adequate, and drums and thighs were available. Leg quarters ranged balanced to adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, barely steady to weak on wings, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JULY 26				JUL 27			
CURRENT NEG		WTD		CURRENT NEG		WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	142.94	495,000	BREAST - B/S	130	140.19	573,160
TENDERLOINS	135	140.45	101,660	TENDERLOINS	135	140.03	152,575
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	66.89	278,160	BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	68.18	301,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	63.00	153,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.25	144,000
LEGS	42-43	46.49	257,960	LEGS	42-43	46.80	268,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.16	742,001	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.55	568,709
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.11	156,110	DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.84	193,270
THIGHS	37-38	45.59	126,910	THIGHS	37-38	42.78	214,610
B/S THIGHS	88-89	87.17	110,600	B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.15	67,030
WINGS (WHOLE)	86-87	93.01	353,920	WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	92.37	320,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.23	92,760	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	98,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.80	120,920	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.55	136,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.90	140,200	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.98	159,400

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
		07/27	07/26	07/25	07/24	07/25	07/24	07/20	07/18
ALA	4,078	3,929	3,968	3,971	4.97	4.97	4,244	5.07	
ARK	5,292	5,257	4,958	5,053	4.74	4.69	4,764	4.75	
DELMARVA	2,241	2,283	2,332	2,326	5.01	5.08	2,175	5.02	
KY-LA-TN	2,331	2,048	1,922	1,964	4.44	4.41	2,025	4.46	
MISS	2,726	2,731	2,665	2,745	4.97	5.11	3,028	5.06	
NC	2,957	2,645	2,604	2,491	5.88	5.97	2,715	5.84	
TEXAS	2,625	2,383	2,397	2,388	4.55	4.73	2,384	4.67	
TOTAL	22,250	21,276	20,846	20,938	4.94	4.97	21,335	4.98	
MON-FRI107,440(A)							104,667(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Jul & 28-01 is estimated to be 33,288,000 up 3.98 percent from a week ago and down 2.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,015,000; last year 34,051,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Jul-01 is estimated to be 158,155,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and down 0.7 percent from a year ago

(Last week 158,453,000 Last year 159,218,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	113-123
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 14, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down (B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs (C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	38,325	32,090	42,184
Avg Weight	3.75	4.79	6.09
% of total /1	34%	28%	37%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,503	24,570	37,598
Avg Weight	3.84	4.84	6.02
% of total /1	35%	26%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,713	37,156	34,847
Avg Weight	3.73	4.79	5.96
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%
To date/2001	915,055	735,310	1,254,533
To date/2000	926,240	905,076	1,148,964

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,453 (A)	1,661	1,534	3,195	470
AVG WT	4.96	3.49	8.07	5.69	6.80
LAST WEEK	158,097	1,685	1,642	3,327	538
SAME WK YR AGO	158,155	1,959	1,609	3,568	400
AVG WT	4.92	3.45	8.09	5.54	6.49
TO-DATE/2001	4,427,074	51,583	39,427	91,010	14,445
TO-DATE/2000	4,479,024	56,984	40,635	97,619	13,002

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.4 million head or 0.9 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 24, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.56	Silkie	2.25 - 2.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.34	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.70ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .84	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .82	4-6 LBS	.70 - .92
Crossbred Roasters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.22	7-11 LBS	.70 - .86
Crossbred Roasters		Bunnies	.50 - 2.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.10 - 1.18	Guinea Pigs	.10 - 1.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.95 - 2.20	Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Roosters	5.00 - 8.50ea.	Doves	4.50 - 6.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .72
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32		

Total Coops Sold 620

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 23-JULY-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-70	65-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

*** CORRECTION FOR WIRE DATED 7/20/2001:

MIDWEST FROZEN SHOULD HAVE BEEN: 122-126 AND

LONG ISLAND FRESH SHOULD HAVE BEEN: 143 ***

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Trade sentiment remained steady.

Demand moderate to at times good. Sizes were usually desirable to instances light due to hot weather in the midwest earlier this week. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 23-JULY-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	16	164.2	158.1	104
	23	159.8	158.3	101
	30	166.6	158.5	105
JULY	7	138.4	158.1	88
	14	160.0	158.6	101
	21	160.4	159.5	101
YEAR TO DATE	4489.6	4460.8	101	
JULY	28	160.8		
AUGUST	4	160.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	07/28/01	07/21/01	% CHG	07/29/00	% CHG	
Broilers	158,155	158,453	0	159,218	-01	
Cattle	665	678	-02	691	-04	
Hogs	1,737	1,745	0	1,768	-02	

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on heavy canners and unchanged to lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were moving but reported as adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderate. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25.5 MAJORITY 23-25	31-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-28.25 MAJORITY 24.5-25	32-40 MAJORITY 32-33

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Canners movement was moderate with offerings at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Schedules were adequate for a fair finished demand. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were ample with demand light to moderate. A large number of spent hens were being moved into other than traditional forms of slaughter. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Demand was moderate. Offering generally adequate.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Offerings of heavy fowl were adequate, but reduced due to limited supplies of hatching eggs. Finished sales were fair with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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